
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**September 28, 2010
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori	LACMTA
Dill, Jim	Kleinfelder
Poe, Lisa	SANBAG
Rawles, John	OCTA
Thomas, Michael	Biggs Cardoso
Reynolds, Jason	AECOM

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Kuo, Ryan
Luo, Rongsheng
Mann, Betty
Nadler, Jonathan
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Behtash, Armand	Caltrans District 12
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Chen, Paul	Caltrans District 12
Cooper, Keith	ICF International
Estrella, Romeo	Caltrans District 12
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans District 11
Goodson, Jeff	AECOM
Kratovil, Amie	FHWA
Krebs, Cindy	OCTA
Marquez, Jose	Caltrans District 11
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Tax, Wienke	EPA Region 9

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Lisa Poe, SANBAG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 TCWG August 24, 2010 Meeting Minutes

- Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, will be added to the teleconference participant list.

The minutes were approved with the above addition.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

The TCWG decided that any project which is a split from a project that has been previously determined to be not a POAQC will not need to be brought back for review unless there are significant changes to the project scope. The project sponsors confirmed that the following three projects are splits from projects that have been previously determined by TCWG to be not a POAQC and there are not significant changes to the project scope.

1) ORA_550

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

2) ORA000147

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

3) ORA120534

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.

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4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP was approved by SCAG Regional Council (RC) on September 2 and submitted to Caltrans and federal agencies for approval. The Federal approval is expected in mid December 2010.
- 2008 FTIP Amendment #50 will be posted for a 15-day public review.
- County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) are currently working on 2011 FTIP Amendment #1.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- The conformity analysis for 2011 FTIP was presented to and approved by SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) and adopted by RC on September 2. The conformity analysis has been submitted as part of 2011 FTIP document to Caltrans and Federal agencies for review and approval.

4.3 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft 2008 RTP Amendment #4 was released by SCAG's Transportation Committee (TC) on September 2. A public hearing was held on September 21 and no comments were received at the hearing. The public comment period will remain open until October 7.
- The final Amendment document is expected to be presented to TC for approval and RC for adoption on November 4.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- The draft conformity analysis for the 2008 RTP Amendment #4 was presented to EEC as an information item on September 2. The draft analysis was then released as part of 2008 RTP Amendment #4 document for a 30-day public review until October 7. After the public review, the final conformity analysis will be presented to EEC for approval and RC for adoption.

4.4 SB375 Update

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, reported the following:

- ARB Board approved regional GHG reduction targets throughout the State.
- SCAG region received reduction targets of 8% per capita for 2020 and 13% per capita for 2035. ARB Board conditioned the 2035 target on discussion between ARB and SCAG concerning SCAG recommendations. ARB staff will report back to ARB Board at its February 2011 meeting with a final 2035 GHG emission reduction target for SCAG region.

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- From next month on, the “SB375 Update” will be included as part of the “RTP Update.”

4.5 ARB update

On behalf of Dennis Wade, ARB, Lisa Poe, SANBAG, reported the following:

- The ARB concurrence letter for the SR 60 HOV Lane Conversion TCM Substitution is in ARB management chain for review and is expected to be sent out later this week.

4.6 EPA update

- Karina O’Connor, EPA, confirmed no changes to the following schedules:
 - The Quantitative PM Hot-Spot Analyses Guidance by December 2010.
 - The 2008 Ozone NAAQS Reconsideration:
 - Final Rule and Proposed Implementation Rule: end of October 2010
 - Area Designation: 20 months after the Final Rule is finalized
 - SIP due date: end of 2014

4.7 Air Districts Update

None.

4.8 SR 60 HOV Lane Conversion TCM Substitution Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- The SR 60 HOV Lane Conversion TCM Substitution was presented to and approved by EEC and adopted by RC on September 2. It has been forwarded to ARB and EPA for concurrence.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Poe adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on October 26, 2010 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.